

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1           1. An apparatus for blocking wind, the apparatus comprising  
2           a flexible sheet having a length;  
3           a plurality of rods, each having a length, coupled at intervals along the length  
4           of the flexible sheet, wherein the rods are disposed with the rods substantially parallel to each  
5           other, and wherein the rod lengths are substantially normal to the sheet length.
  
- 1           2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a fabric material.
  
- 1           3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a plastic material.
  
- 1           4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes metal.
  
- 1           5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes plastic.
  
- 1           6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible sheet has a width that is  
2           perpendicular to the direction of the flexible sheet's length, wherein the length of a rod is  
3           substantially the same size as the width of the flexible sheet.
  
- 1           7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are fixedly coupled to the  
2           flexible sheet.
  
- 1           8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are detachably coupled to  
2           the flexible sheet.
  
- 1           9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising  
2           an attachment mechanism at the end of a first rod for receiving a second-tier  
3           rod to produce a rod combination along the direction of the length of the first rod.
  
- 1           10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising  
2           a dual receiving mechanism attached to the attachment mechanism at the end  
3           of the first rod for allowing multiple second tier rods to be attached to the first sheet.

1           11. A method for dispensing a wind screen, wherein the wind screen  
2 includes a flexible sheet of material having a length and a width, wherein stakes are attached  
3 at intervals to the sheet so that the stakes are perpendicular to the length of the flexible sheet,  
4 the method comprising

5                 forming the wind screen into a roll;  
6                 unrolling at least a portion of the wind screen; and  
7                 separating the at least a portion of the unrolled wind screen from the rolled  
8 wind screen.

1           12. An apparatus for securing a windscreen to a supporting stake, the  
2 windscreen including first and second rods attached to a flexible material, the stake suitable  
3 for being vertically supported by ground, the apparatus comprising

4                 first and second attachment portions for attaching the first and second rods so  
5 that the rods are held adjacent and substantially parallel to each other; and  
6                 a third attachment portion coupled to the first and second attachment portions,  
7 wherein the third attachment portion allows mounting of the apparatus to the stake.

1           13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held  
2 by the apparatus in a position above, and substantially parallel to, the stake.

1           14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held  
2 by the apparatus substantially in-line with a length of the stake.

1           15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is integral with the  
2 stake.

1           16. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is removably coupled  
2 to the stake.

1           17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein an attachment portion includes a  
2 hole for receiving an end of a rod.